



Paper No. 16

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In re Application of: John G. Atwood et al.)
Application No.: 09/075,392)
Filed: May 8, 1998)
For: IMPROVEMENTS IN THERMAL)
CYCLER FOR PCR)

**DECISION ON PETITION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 TO
WITHDRAW HOLDING OF
ABANDONMENT**

This is a decision on the petition filed August 8, 2001 under 37 CFR § 1.181 to withdraw the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application.

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This application was held abandoned for failure to file a timely response to the Office action of mail date December 4, 2000. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on July 2, 2001.

In support of the petition, Petitioner states that the Office action was not received by Applicant's attorneys and provides a copy of a Change of Correspondence Address originally filed on September 27, 1999 and a post card with a PTO stamp indicating receipt at the USPTO on September 30, 1999.

Petitioner has established that the Office Action was mailed to an improper address of record *after* the filing of the Change of Address.

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The petition is **GRANTED**. The Notice of Abandonment is withdrawn.

The application file is being forwarded to the Technology Center support staff. The Office action originally mailed December 4, 2000 (Paper No. 10) will be remailed to the appropriate address with the three month Shortened Statutory Period restarted to run from the date of the remailing.

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